

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-24 (cancelled).

25. (original) A wear assembly comprising:

an adapter having a rear mounting end for securing the assembly to a wear surface and a forwardly extending nose having a pair of rails;

a wear member defining a longitudinal axis and including a pair of converging walls extending to a narrowed front working end, a pair of sidewalls, and a rearwardly opening socket having a pair of grooves each on opposite sides of the socket for receiving the rails, wherein each groove diverges from a plane aligned with the longitudinal axis and extending along the narrowed front working end; and

a lock for securing the wear member to the adapter.

26. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which the socket has a generally Z-shaped cross-sectional configuration over a substantial portion of its length.

27. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which a front end of the socket includes opposed front bearing surfaces extending between the opposite sides of the socket, and each of the front bearing surfaces extends generally parallel to the longitudinal axis.

28. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which each groove has a substantially constant width and depth along substantially its entire length.

29. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which the grooves extend along substantially parallel planes aligned generally along the sidewalls

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of the wear member.

30. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which the wear member is a point and the narrowed working end is a digging edge.

31. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which the adapter includes a channel for receiving a lock, and the channel and the lock each narrow along a portion of its length.

32. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 31 in which the channel has a closed end and extends only partially through the adapter.

33. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 31 in which the channel and lock gradually narrow along substantially their entire lengths.

34. (original) A wear assembly in accordance with claim 25 in which the adapter includes a channel for receiving the lock, and the lock includes a lock member for securing the lock in the channel.

Claims 35-99 (cancelled).

100. (original) A wear member defining a longitudinal axis and including a pair of converging walls extending to a narrowed front working end, a pair of sidewalls, and a rearwardly opening socket for receiving a nose of an adapter, the socket having a groove on each of a pair of opposite sides of the socket for receiving rails on the adapter nose, wherein each groove diverges from a plane aligned with the longitudinal axis and extending along the narrowed front working end.

101. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 100 in which the socket has a generally Z-shaped cross-sectional configuration over a substantial portion

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of its length.

102. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 100 in which a front end of the socket includes opposed front bearing surfaces extending between the opposite sides of the socket, and each of the front bearing surfaces extends generally parallel to the longitudinal axis.

103. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 100 in which each groove has a substantially constant width and depth along substantially its entire length.

104. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 100 in which the grooves extend along substantially parallel planes aligned generally along the sidewalls.

105. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 100 in which is a point and the narrowed working end is a digging edge.

106. (original) A wear member including a front working end and a socket opening in a rear end of the wear member, wherein the socket has a generally Z-shaped configuration over at least a substantial portion of its length.

107. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 106 in which a front end of the socket includes opposed front bearing surfaces extending between the sidewalls, and each of the front bearing surfaces extends generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the wear member.

108. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 106 in which the Z-shaped socket includes a pair of lateral extensions in opposite corners, wherein the lateral extensions diverge as they extend rearward.

109. (original) A wear member in accordance with claim 106 in which the

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working end terminates in a narrowed front end, and the lateral extensions of the socket diverge from opposite sides of a plane aligned with the longitudinal axis and extending along the narrowed end.

Claims 110-128 (cancelled).